

No. The U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA) provides for application for new social security cards and replacement social security cards, at no cost to the public. Many States also now register a child at birth, again at no cost to the public.

However, from time to time, companies - having no affiliation with SSA or any government agency - offer to provide this same service for a fee through the mail or the Internet. Even if someone applies for cards with these companies, these companies must still submit applications to the SSA for processing. Also, applicants still need to submit documentation directly to the SSA before we will issue a social security card. SSA tries to discourage companies from taking advantage of persons who do not know that the card service is offered free or who mistake the company for an official Government agency.